

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (currently amended) In combination with a grounded
2 support and a smart card, a card holder comprising:

3 a dielectric base fixed to the support and formed with a
4 throughgoing cutout exposing the grounded support;

5 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold the
6 card;

7 a hinge on the dielectric base pivotally carrying the
8 conductive cover for movement and pivotal on the base between an
9 open position with the cover and the card in the slot partially
10 raised from the base and a closed position with the cover and the
11 card in the slot closely juxtaposed with the base and covering the
12 cutout; and

13 a ground contacts contact carried on and electrically
14 connected to the cover and positioned to engage through the cutout
15 directly with the base grounded support in the closed position of
16 the cover.

1 2. (currently amended) The card holder defined in claim
2 1 wherein the ground ~~contacts are~~ contact is of the same material
3 as the cover.

1 3. (currently amended) The card holder defined in claim
2 2 wherein the ground ~~contacts are~~ contact is formed as a spring
3 fingers finger.

1 4. (currently amended) The card holder defined in claim
2 2 wherein the ground ~~contacts are~~ contact is unitary with the
3 cover.

1 5. (currently amended) The card holder defined in claim
2 2 wherein the ground ~~contacts are~~ contact is formed at an edge of
3 the cover.

1 6. (currently amended) The card holder defined in claim
2 1 wherein the ground ~~contacts are~~ contact is offset from the card
3 slot.

1 7. (currently amended) In combination with a grounded
2 support and a smart card, a card holder comprising:
3 a dielectric base fixed to the support;
4 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold the
5 card and pivotal on the base between an open position partially
6 raised from the base and a closed position closely juxtaposed with
7 the base; and
8 latch means between the cover and the base for releasably
9 securing the cover in the closed position and including a grounded
10 ~~element on~~ latching tab fixed to the base and engageable with the
11 cover only in the closed position.

1 8. (canceled)

1 9. (currently amended) The card holder defined in claim
2 § 7 wherein the tab is formed with a tongue engageable with the
3 cover and holding it against the base only in the closed position.

1 10. (currently amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim § 7 wherein the base includes a contact connected to the
3 grounded support and to the tab.

1 11. (currently amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim § 7 wherein the tab has a part imbedded in the base.

1 12. (original) In combination with a grounded support
2 and a smart card, a card holder comprising:
3 a dielectric base fixed to the support;
4 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold the
5 card and pivotal on the base between an open position partially
6 raised from the base and a closed position closely juxtaposed with
7 the base; and
8 a hinge having a part on the base connected to the
9 grounded support and a part on the integral with the cover in
10 electrically conductive engagement with the part on the base.